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INNOVATIVE HEALTH COLLABORATION REACHES MILESTONE

- Oregon Solutions Declaration of Cooperation signing on Feb. 19 -

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton Community Health Collaborative (BCHC), intends to improve the health of families and individuals in the Beaverton area. The Declaration of Cooperation that will be signed on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive) in the first floor conference room will serve as a roadmap for the BCHC as they move forward.

“This pioneering effort will provide improved health care access for our most vulnerable,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “It will also provide workforce training in multiple health fields and will lead to healthier residents. The city and the BCHC partners are excited to be moving forward with our shared vision of improved community health.”

The BCHC will achieve their vision, in part, through the development of a multi-service facility that will employ an integrated approach to health and wellness. The facility will include a comprehensive array of services across a continuum of care, including primary and specialty care, behavioral health, public health, oral health, social services, and education in an innovative model that builds on best practices in the field.

The city was awarded a \$1.6 million Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant to support public health efforts to reduce chronic diseases, promote healthier lifestyles, reduce health disparities, and control health care spending in small communities. Implementation of this Community Transformation Grant will be through the BCHC.

In May 2012, Governor Kitzhaber officially designated the BCHC an Oregon Solutions (OS) Project because of its unique and innovative approach. In his designation letter he wrote, “The BCHC clearly fits the Oregon practice of finding solutions, bold leadership and strong partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and nonprofits.”

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Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. Most recently, the city was awarded the **2012 Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton.

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